

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE APPLICATION OF THACKER-GRIGSBY)	
TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO)	
CONVERT EXISTING PARTY-LINE SUB-)	CASE NO. 7886
SCRIBERS IN THE TOPMOST EXCHANGE)	
TO ONE-PARTY SERVICE)	

O R D E R

On May 13, 1980, Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc. (applicant) filed with the Commission a letter (Appendix "A"), wherein Applicant requested authority to convert ten (10) existing party-line subscribers in the Topmost exchange to one-party service. These customers are presently served by "farmer-lines" from the Wayland exchange of South Central Bell Telephone Company.

The Commission has previously received letters from some of these subscribers wherein they state their desire to keep their party-line service from Wayland, since this service provides extended-area calling (EAS) with the Prestonsburg exchange of South Central Bell, and this EAS would not be available with Topmost service.

The Commission, having considered the matter, and being advised, HEREBY ORDERS That this matter be and it hereby is scheduled for hearing on July 14, 1980 at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company shall appear at the hearing to present evidence as to why those customers should be required to obtain telephone service from the Topmost exchange.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc. shall notify by typewritten notice those customers affected by the requested authority, said notice to be given 20 days prior to the hearing and to include the date, time and place of hearing and a statement setting forth the nature of the authority sought by Applicant.

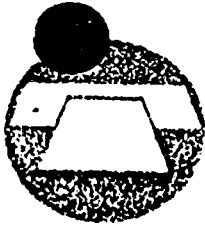
Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of June, 1980.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary



APPENDIX "A"

Thacker & Grigsby Telephone Co., Inc.

P. O. BOX 337

HINDMAN, KENTUCKY 41822

May 9, 1980

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UTILITY REGULATORY COMM.
DIVISION OF ENGINEERING

Mr. John T. Smither, Director
Division of Utility Engineering Services
Utility Regulatory Commission
730 Schenkel Lane
P. O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602

Dear Mr. Smither:

I have received and hereby acknowledge receipt of your transmittal of letters from Hattie Bradley and Lena Hopkins, Wayland, Kentucky, which were received by your office on January 18, 1980, and also the transmittal of a letter from John M. Slone that was received by the Commission on February 12, 1980. Although we do not have Mr. Slone as a customer, we are assuming that he is the son of Mrs. Marie Slone and was writing in her behalf.

The above mentioned persons are three of ten customers who live within our company's Topmost Exchange service area but are receiving telephone service cross-boundary from the Wayland Exchange of South Central Bell. I am enclosing a photo copy of our company's system detail map which shows the location (circled in red) of each of these customers. Eight of them are located inside Floyd County while two of them are actually located some distance inside Knott County. You will note that these customers are spread over a distance of approximately 2.7 miles from the Bell Company boundary and are mingled with some 30-40 customers receiving service out of our company's Topmost Exchange and are all located within the Topmost Exchange service area.

Our company provides the cable from the Bell system boundary to the subscribers premises and also provides the station equipment. From this cross-boundary arrangement only party-line service is provided while the service we would offer from the Topmost Exchange would be single-party service. The Topmost customers have EAS with Wayland but they do not have EAS with other exchanges in Floyd County as do those ten who

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are served from the Wayland Exchange. Therefore, these ten customers are reluctant to give up the EAS throughout Floyd County. We feel that this is a special service and that it can not support itself. It appears to be unfair to our other customers who may or may not desire this same arrangement since a portion of their rate must go to subsidize this service for so few.

Over the past several months, Mr. Heman, Mr. Bates, and I have reviewed this situation several times and have attempted to reach some solution. It is our company's desire and we hereby request approval of the Commission to discontinue this cross-boundary service and offer one-party service from the Topmost Exchange and FX service and Optional Calling Plan, if it can be arranged with the Bell System, for any of those customers who are willing to pay the standard tariff price for such service.

Please review this situation and if you have any questions or desire further information, let me know.

Very truly yours,

THACKER-GRIGSBY TELEPHONE CO., INC.



Robert C. Thacker, Manager

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Enclosure